

Middle Eastern World History Essentials

World History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization, often called the 'cradle of civilization,' emerged in Mesopotamia?

- A) Greek
- B) Roman
- C) Sumerian**
- D) Egyptian

2. The ancient city of Babylon was famous for which of the following?

- A) The Great Wall
- B) The Hanging Gardens**
- C) The Pyramids
- D) The Colosseum

3. What is the name of the holy book of Islam?

- A) The Torah
- B) The Bible
- C) The Vedas
- D) The Quran**

4. Who is considered the founder of Islam?

- A) Jesus Christ
- B) Moses
- C) Buddha
- D) Prophet Muhammad**

5. The Ottoman Empire, a major historical power, had its capital in which city?

- A) Cairo
- B) Baghdad
- C) Constantinople (Istanbul)**
- D) Jerusalem

6. The ancient Egyptians are most famous for building what monumental structures?

- A) Ziggurats
- B) Temples
- C) Pyramids**
- D) Aqueducts

7. Which river was essential to the development of ancient Egyptian civilization?

- A) Tigris
- B) Euphrates

C) Nile

- D) Indus

8. The religion of Judaism originated in which region?

- A) East Asia
- B) North Africa

C) The Middle East

- D) South America

9. What major Middle Eastern empire conquered Jerusalem in 1099 during the First Crusade?

- A) Seljuk Turks
- B) Ayyubids

C) Crusaders

- D) Mamluks

10. The Suez Canal, a vital waterway, connects which two bodies of water?

- A) Black Sea and Caspian Sea
- B) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean

C) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea

- D) Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea

11. Which ancient city was a major center of the Phoenician civilization, known for its trade?

- A) Athens
- B) Rome

C) Tyre

- D) Alexandria

12. The Safavid Empire, known for its Shi'a Islam, was centered in which modern-day country?

- A) Turkey
- B) Egypt

C) Iran

- D) Iraq

13. What nomadic people of the Arabian Peninsula played a significant role in early Islamic history?

- A) Greeks
- B) Romans
- C) Bedouins**
- D) Persians

14. Which of these is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, located in the Middle East?

- A) London
- B) Paris
- C) Damascus**
- D) Mexico City

15. The Dead Sea is bordered by which three countries?

- A) Saudi Arabia, Oman, Yemen
- B) Israel, Jordan, Palestine**
- C) Syria, Lebanon, Turkey
- D) Egypt, Libya, Sudan